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CARSON CITY MAN CONVICTED OF USING THE INTERNET TO SOLICIT SEX WITH MINOR GIRL IN SOUTH LAKE TAHOE

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced that TIMOTHY CRAIG RANDALL, 57, of Carson City, Nevada pled guilty today in United States District Court in Sacramento to a single count of traveling in interstate commerce for purposes of engaging in illicit sexual conduct with a minor 13-year-old girl.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the South Lake Tahoe Police Department, and the Douglas County, Nevada Sheriff's Office.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who is prosecuting the case, RANDALL used the Internet and the telephone to entice an individual he believed was a 13-year-old South Lake Tahoe girl to engage in lewd sexual acts. RANDALL then traveled from Nevada to South Lake Tahoe for the purpose of committing illicit sexual activity with the person whom he believed was a minor. RANDALL was arrested in South Lake Tahoe when he made contact with a police decoy.

If the plea agreement in this case is accepted by United States District Judge Edward J. Garcia, RANDALL will receive a mandatory sentence of 5 years imprisonment. RANDALL also faces a life term of federal supervision, life registration as a sex offender, a fine of up to \$250,000, and restitution. He is scheduled to be sentenced on December 1, 2006.